

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY FIRE INVESTIGATION TASK FORCE

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

A meeting of the General Membership of the Brown County Fire Investigation Task Force was held on May 31, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at Bellevue Fire Station #1, 3100 Eaton Road, Green Bay, WI.

Present: Dan Kerkhoff, Tom Hendricks, Brad Neville, Greg Steenbock, Norman Heraly, Kevin Krueger, Larry Wilson, Glenn Deviley, Angie Cali, Fred Laitinen, Dave Seidl, Brad Muller

Item #1. Adoption of Agenda.

Motion made by Kerkhoff and seconded by Hendricks to adopt the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Item #2. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting.

~~Motion made by Deviley and seconded by Steenbock to approve the minutes from the last meeting on March 1, 2012. **Motion carried.**~~

Item #3. Report of Task Force Activities.

03-02-12 312 Ravine Ct., Hobart (single-family residence/arson)
03-09-12 4264 Lark Rd., Morrison (barn/under investigation)
03-11-12 605 St. George St., Green Bay (multi-family residence/under investigation)
03-15-12 249 Grand Ave., Denmark (garage/accidental)
03-18-12 1390 Bellevue St., Bellevue (business/accidental)
03-23-12 1222 Cass St., Green Bay (single-family residence/undetermined)
04-05-12 713 Reid St., De Pere (single-family residence/accidental)
04-26-12 1419 Clay St., Green Bay (multi-family residence/arson)
04-26-12 1147 Harvey St., Green Bay (multi-family residence/arson)
04-26-12 1175 Smith St., Green Bay (vehicle/arson)
04-26-12 938 Pinecrest Rd., Howard (single-family residence/undetermined)
04-29-12 882 Dousman St., Green Bay (single-family residence/under investigation)
05-08-12 917 Duchateau Ave., Ashwaubenon (single-family residence/undetermined)

Item #4. Information from Board of Directors Meeting.

The last meeting was held on March 15, 2012. Greg Steenbock was approved as a new Task Force investigator. It was decided that annual criminal and driving background checks be conducted on all members. A question was raised whether or not waivers would need to be signed in regard to this. The arson truck will now be stored at the Brown County Sheriff's Office. The next meeting is set for June 14, 2012, at the Allouez Fire Department.

Item #5. Old Business.

Get any training ideas to Deviley. Pay \$5 annual dues for 2012. E-mail phone changes to Muller. The BATS class received good reviews from those who attended.

The motor blew up on the arson truck. It was decided that the mechanics at the Sheriff's Office would put in a brand new motor. Need to start looking for a different vehicle. A truck committee to solicit funds was formed consisting of Neville and Steenbock. They will put together a PowerPoint presentation to show at various municipality board meetings as a way to solicit funds.

Item #6. New Business.

Deviley will be retiring in July, so a new vice-president will need to be elected to replace him. Neville volunteered to be on the nomination committee. The vice-presidential election will be put on the agenda for the next meeting in September. There was also discussion about abolishing the meal following meetings and just having snacks instead. This will also be put on the next meeting's agenda for further discussion. The spring seminar will be held June 4-7, 2012, and 17 members are signed up to attend.

Muller informed that he will be resigning as the Task Force coordinator in September 2013, so if anyone is interested in taking over when he is done. He also stated that he will need help in going through all of the old files dating back to the 1980s and keeping fatals and criminal cases to be scanned by the Sheriff's Office and having the rest shredded.

Muller stated that per Sheriff Gossage the Task Force can now go outside the county with the okay between both sheriffs. The other county will reimburse us.

Item #7. Juvenile Firesetter Business.

No report. Nick Craig not present.

Item #8. Other Matters.

No other matters were discussed.

Item #9. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting.

The next meeting is set for September 6, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at Green Bay Fire Station #4, West Point Road, Green Bay, WI.

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Item #10. Training.

Training for first responder investigators at fire scene.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Laurent
Recording Secretary
